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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1(currently amended). A wet paper web transfer belt for use in the press part of a closed draw papermaking machine, comprising a base body, a wet paper web side layer having a high molecular weight an elastic section, said elastic section having a wet paper web-contacting surface, and a machine side layer, said belt having fibers, parts of which are embedded in said high molecular weight elastic section, and parts of which protrude from said web-contacting surface, wherein the average length of the protruding parts of said fibers is between 0.01 and 3 mm.

## 2 (cancelled).

 $3 ext{(original)}$ . A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average density of the protruding parts of said fibers is in the range of 10 to 500,000 fibers/cm<sup>2</sup>.

## 4 (cancelled).

5(currently amended). A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protruding parts of said fibers are formed by processing the surface of said high molecular weight elastic section.

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6(cancelled).

7(currently amended). A wet paper web transfer belt as claimed in claim 3, wherein the protruding parts of said fibers are formed by processing the surface of said high molecular weight elastic section.

8-12(cancelled)